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18 May 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Pilot Availability for Detachment G

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REFERENCE : Commander's Report, Detachment G, March 1962  
dated 9 April 1962), Attached

1. Paragraph one of the referenced document served as a reminder to me of one element of my recent conversations [redacted] regarding possible utilization [redacted]. However, the reference was not the only thing that brought this to mind. I have noted a recent COMOR paper which establishes for at least three months, and possibly longer, a continuing requirement for two overflights per month of the North Vietnam area; I am aware, of course, of the continuing CINCLANT requirement for two NIMBUS flights per month; and on top of this is the continual training requirement for Detachment G.

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2. Including [redacted] at the moment we have [redacted] pilots, and two [redacted] are tied up with the unit in the Far East. It is even possible that the increase of activity in that area might result in a total of [redacted] being detailed to [redacted]. In addition, it takes another two pilots at a minimum to satisfy the NIMBUS requirement; thus if anyone goes on leave or gets sick, the reserve balance available [redacted] is fairly small.

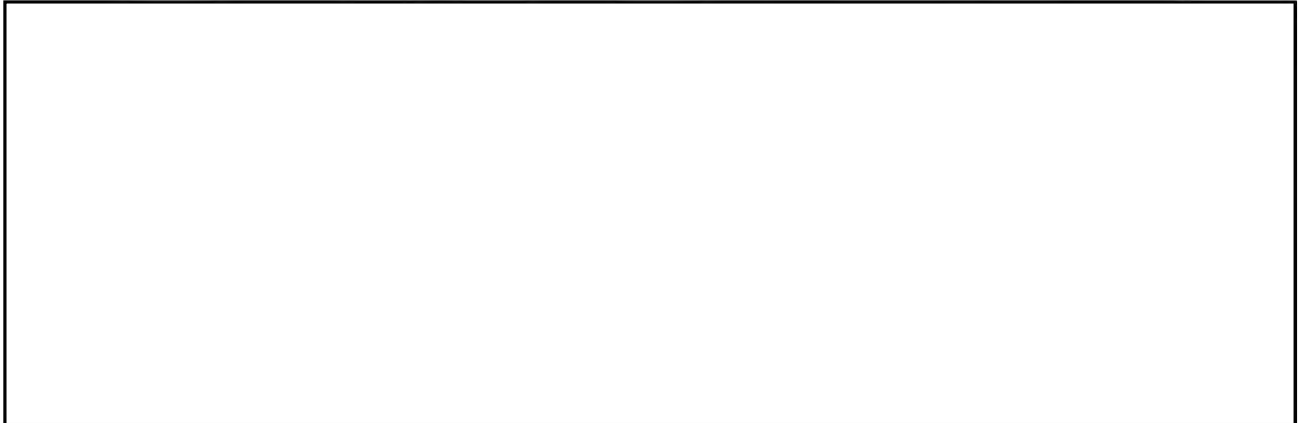
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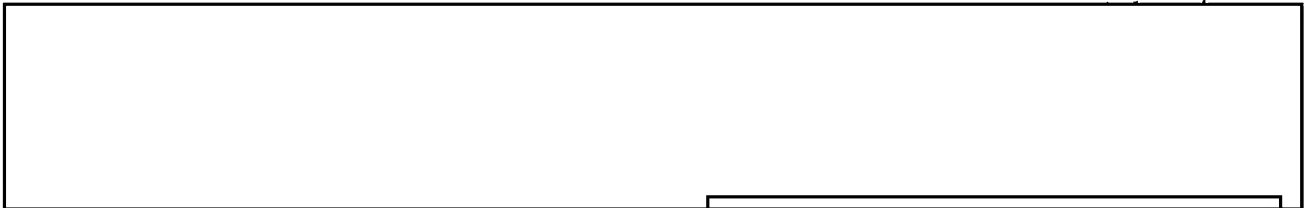
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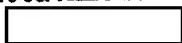


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Dear [ ]

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This is in line with the procedure established by [ ] concerning abstracts of information from the Monthly Commander's Report which we feel are pertinent for your use. The senior communications officer at Det. "H" in his April 1962 monthly report has this to say:

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a. The [ ] originally received with Article 358 were badly dented. When [ ]

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Article 352 was returned for IRAN the [ ]

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[ ] were removed and installed in Article 358. The damaged [ ] from 358 will be returned as soon as tests confirm the satisfactory operation of the presently installed units.

b. When making a thorough check of the cabling in recently-received Article 378, it was discovered that the RF cable to the ventral antenna had been out so short that maintenance efforts were rendered exceedingly difficult. The cable will be replaced during the next engine change. In order to prevent the frequently-encountered poor mechanical connection to the ventral antenna, the connectors on both Articles have been "potted".

Sincerely yours,

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